

The Best You

October 24, 2021

How to Restart Life • Message 3

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Our Power Struggles

- The struggle of me against other people.
- The struggle of me against the other versions of me.
- The struggle of me against God.

ADMIT POWERLESS • ACCEPT GOD'S POWER • ALLOW GOD TO CONTROL

God is transforming me to be the best version of me,
a person **CHARACTERIZED** by **LOVE**.

EPHESIANS 3:16-19

Becoming a Loving Person

ADVICE FROM JESUS • MATTHEW 22:37-40

View other people the **SAME WAY** you view yourself.

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"I'm actually **NO DIFFERENT** than they."

GOOD ADVICE FOR EVERYONE • COMMAND FOR CHRISTIANS • ROMANS 13:7-10

View yourself as being in **DEBT TO OTHERS**.

WHY DO I OWE THEM? DUTY UNDER GOD'S LAW • WHAT HAVE THEY DONE FOR ME? YOU CAN'T SEE IT ILL: \$1500 SANDWICH • LUKE 6:27-36 • WON'T THEY TAKE ADVANTAGE? ACTUALLY NO.

"No matter what they take from me, I'll always **OWE THEM**."

GOD "IS KIND TO THE UNGRATEFUL AND WICKED."

View yourself as a **SACRIFICE** for **THEM**.

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1 JOHN 4:7-12, 16

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1 JOHN 4:10-11

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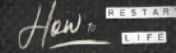
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"I don't need to feel love to show love because I **HAVE** love."

NO ANTAGONISM BECAUSE I AM SAFE, I AM LOVED!!!

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